

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 288

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Edward John "Jack"
Hopton of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jack Hopton; and

WHEREAS, Jack Hopton was an exemplary philanthropist, community servant, and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Nashville, Jack Hopton attended Vanderbilt University after graduating from Peabody Demonstration School; and

WHEREAS, a great patriot, Jack Hopton served this country as a navigator in the United States Air Force and was a lifetime member of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Jack Hopton served with acumen and alacrity as the owner of Berry Hill Lumber Company and Jack Hopton Equipment Company for many years; his success as a businessman was widely known and admired; and

WHEREAS, perhaps best known for his work with the Tennessee Exchange Club, Jack devoted much of his time and energy to promoting this organization; he was an active member for 51 years, helped found and charter more local chapters of the organization, and served in

many offices, including District Director, Secretary, President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President; and

WHEREAS, Jack Hopton was an active and devout member of Christ Church Cathedral, which he served faithfully for many years as a member of the vestry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hopton was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Jack Hopton enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 63 years, Virginia Sloan Hopton, and was the proud father of Thomas and his wife Shirley, Harold and his wife Judy, John and his wife Carol, and Ann; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his grandchildren: Kay and her husband Robert Baker, Alice and her husband Scott Rickle, and Alyssa, Lindsey, and Brian Hopton; he also leaves behind four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Jack Hopton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional philanthropist, entrepreneur, patriot, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Edward John "Jack" Hopton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Jack Hopton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

